



**Northland
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Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Our kapa haka group performed for the whole school on Friday. This was one of a series of school events held to mark Matariki.

New Building Information Evening - Tonight

Join us this evening, Wednesday 5 July at 7.30pm in the library. Our architects, McKenzie Higham, and the Ministry of Education's project manager will be presenting the master plan concept for the new classroom block, library and hall space. This is an opportunity to hear about the project and its location, the decisions already made and the next steps in the process. This is also an opportunity to ask questions, hear about timelines and seek further information.

We hope that you can join us at 7.30pm in the school library.

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The Principal Point

There has been a lot of public discussion about youth mental health recently. The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to let parents know where to find information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children.

Parents are encouraged to regularly check in with their child about how they are doing and the things going on in their lives. On the Ministry website you'll find links to organisations you can contact for help and advice if you are concerned about your child: www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health/.

Another busy term is suddenly coming to an end and it is time for students and staff to recharge their batteries. The sudden change in temperature over the last few weeks has brought a lot of lingering winter illness to both students and staff as well as chickenpox to some families. We hope that the next fortnight will allow time to completely clear away those bugs.

Thank you for the very strong attendance at our recent parent/teacher conferences and student-led conferences. Over 90% of parents were able to attend on either of the nights with additional times made available by staff for those who were unable to meet at the last minute on the designated days. The discussions were honest and provided opportunities to talk about student progress, suggest next steps and look at ways of strengthening the home school partnership. This partnership is vital with research showing that when home and school work together to support our young learners then progress is far stronger and sustained. Our Year 4 – 8 students were involved in these discussions and shared their own learning and next steps with their parents and teachers. We know that both parents and teachers are always impressed with the way our students talk about the ways they learn and what works for them.

Thank you for all that you do for Northland School. We have a hugely supportive parent community who give generously in various ways. Today, Wednesday, lots of families contributed home baking to the Student Council bake sale. No wonder these events are very popular! Thank you for supporting the Council's fundraising efforts for the Wellington Free Ambulance. Our Home and School Committee makes sure that the social events happen for our students and our parents. The Committee has two more fundraisers coming up early in Term 3. As usual our families will be very generous supporting the Committee's endeavours.

Term 3 ends very late on 29 September which means that the fourth and final term will be just 9 weeks long. We have a schoolwide theme of "journeys" in Term 3. It will be interesting to see how each of the teaching teams interprets this topic. More details will be in start of term newsletters from each of the Teams.

Enjoy a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 24 July.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Celebrating Student Achievement

- Congratulations to two of our students who recently competed in the College Sport Wellington Orienteering Championships.
- Congratulations to one of our Year7 boys who won his age group at the Wellington Men's Gymnastics Championships.

Sexuality Road Programme – Parent Information Evening

Each year our Year 5 – 8 students are involved in a sexuality education programme. An information evening about this programme will be held on Thursday, 27 July (the first week back in Term 3), in the library at 7.30pm. Scott Waring-Flood from NZ Family Planning will discuss the Sexuality Road Programme which will be taught in Term 3 (for Year 5 and 6 students) and Term 4 (for Year 7 and 8 students). All parents from Team 3 and 4 are welcome to attend to hear about the programme. Parents of children from any area of the school are also welcome to attend though the programme is aimed at children in Years 5 - 8.

End of Term Community Assembly

Our end of term community assembly will be held this Friday, 7 July at the Northland Memorial Community Centre commencing at 9.30am. All parents, family and whanau are invited to join us as we share some of our work from this term.

School Photos – Online Ordering

Information has been distributed on how to access and order school photographs that were taken recently. Please note that the free delivery period ends on 9 July. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to use this system please contact the school office for an order envelope.

Term Dates for 2018

The school term dates for 2018 have been set by the local school principals group. The school year will commence on Wednesday 7 February and end on Thursday 20 December. Term start and finish dates are noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

Home and School School Pub Quiz

Wednesday 16 August - *Can you help with prizes?*

Planning is underway for the Northland School pub quiz on 16 August. To make this night a great success, we are on the hunt for generous people to donate prizes. We need: Items for a silent auction e.g. a weekend at a bach. Smaller items to make up a raffle on the night e.g. wine, toiletries etc. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Swainson at Mikeandmary1@xtra.co.nz or 021 111 2378 by 28 July.

Home and School – Inspire Photography

Places are still available for the family photoshoot with Inspire Photography. Bookings can be made through the school office. Photoshoot day is Saturday 29 July.

Before School Care – Now Available from 7.30am

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. Rebecca Amos is our supervisor and the programme operates from 7.30 until 8.35am. Attendance can be regular or on an as needs basis. The cost is \$7.00 per child before 8.00am and \$5.00 from 8.00am.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Northland School is in the swing of collecting “Yummy Apple” stickers for 2017. The Race Is ON... think of all the lunch time sporting gear! KEEP munching 1 Term to go!!!! Term 3 is the last term to eat and hand in all your Yummy Apple Stickers.

Quality of the Week – Excellence

Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

Term Dates for 2017

Term 2:	Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
Term 3:	Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Term 4:	Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1:	Wednesday 7 February – Friday 13 April
Term 2:	Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
Term 3:	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Diary Dates for 2017

5 July, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Information meeting, 7.30pm, library
7 July, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Assembly, 9.30am• School closes, 3.00pm
Term 3	
24 July, Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 3 begins, 8.55am
25 July, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZ Playhouse performance, Teams 1 and 2 at school• Board of Trustees, 7pm, library
26 July, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology classes begin, Team 4• Home and School Committee, 7.30pm, staffroom
27 July, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sexuality Road parent information evening, 7.30pm
1 August, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAS English
Monday 7 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whanau hui, 7.00pm
Friday 11 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Vaccinations
Tuesday 15 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAS Maths• Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home and School Quiz, 7.00pm
Tuesday 22 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Zone Swimming Sports
Friday 25 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School disco

Community News

Community notices and flyers are included in this newsletter as a service to the school community. The inclusion of notices – and other material is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The school staff and Board take no responsibility for the accuracy of information in community notices and flyers. Inclusion of these in the newsletter does not necessarily imply that school staff or the Board endorses any product, services or information advertised.

Code Club

Code Club will be running in Term 3 for Team 4 students on Friday afternoons from 4.00 til 4.45. Please contact emilymasonnz@gmail.com if you are interested.

Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français ? – Afterschool class

Alliance Française Wellington will return to Northland School in Term 3 (every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm) to offer French afterschool classes. A native qualified French teacher will teach the language through interactive learning, while playing and singing.

If your child is in Year 6 or above, you can enrol now. Just email Alliance Française: schools@french.co.nz or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt !

Northland House Rental Available

Large, sunny, fully furnished 3 bedroom house in Creswick Terrace. Available mid-July to early October, call 562-0100.

10 Weeks to Learn Ukulele – Afterschool classes

Does your child want to learn ukulele? Playing music is fun and can be really rewarding. Ukulele is a great starting instrument for children – it's small size and fewer strings means it's the perfect starting point for anyone's musical journey. Next term I will be running a 10 week "Introduction to Ukulele" course at Northland School on Thursdays after school in the library.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Name the parts of the ukulele.
- Read and play from ukulele tablature.
- Be familiar with at least 5 chord shapes.
- Play two instrumentals (songs).

The course costs \$200, which includes 10 group lessons along with all learning resources. Ukuleles will be provided for lessons, but children are strongly advised to purchase their own in order to make the most of the course (practice makes perfect!).

For more information, please contact Alexander by emailing: reid.alexandergraham@gmail.com.

NZSM Young Musicians Programme

Passionate about music and want to expand your musical learning in an engaging and fun environment? YMP offers a range of group music classes and a performing arts class to pre-tertiary students. Students have three years or more playing experience (about Grade 3) through to diploma level and have an existing instrumental or vocal teacher. See the YMP website for information and to register. Some classes have specific entry requirements and limited numbers.

Students receive expert tuition from NZSM staff, NZSO players and other professional musicians and composers in high-quality facilities.

Enrolling for the second half of the year:

- Jazz (combo and applied theory & improvisation) with Rodger Fox and post-graduate students, starting 17 July
- Composition (sonic arts project) with NZSM composition lecturers, starting 25 July
- Classical group classes: Brass, Voice, Guitar classes and String Ensemble, starting 22 July
- We have one chamber group opportunity that would suit advanced instrumentalists (not pianist). Please enquire as soon as possible.

These classes are full or Term 1 only: PULSE, Piano, Grade 5 Theory and Aural classes.

Composition – Sonic Arts

Get hands-on with electronic music. In this course, you'll begin by building your very own synthesizer. Then, once your new instrument is up and running, you will explore electronic music production and performance with your new synthesizer. A small fee for materials is required.

Registration

Classes start from the last week of the holidays so register early to avoid missing out.

For further information contact Liz Pritchett 463 4765, www.victoria.ac.nz/nzsm/ymp, liz.pritchett@vuw.ac.nz

Beyond the Page

Beyond the Page is a literary festival taking place 8 - 23 July at libraries across Wellington and the Hutt Valley region. Local youth are invited to journey through different aspects of storytelling – creating experiences for them to immerse themselves in the literary world and express their creativity.

Join one of the over 113 festival events and activities that create local spaces for innovation, and encourage exploration of participants' own stories and help them embrace new ideas along the way. Check out www.beyondthepage.nz for more information.

Hot Tips on Growing Great Families

Wednesday 26 July, 7pm to 8:30pm at Karori West Normal School hall, 19 Allington Road, Karori. For parents who invest in their family, the rewards are huge. You can build your family the same way as you build a house, with good foundations of love and values, strong walls of boundaries and discipline and a roof of parental 'mana' to keep it all together. Learn to make this happen with the least effort. Come and meet John Cowan from The Parenting Place as he shares tips that really work. Light refreshments from 6:30pm. Free event, sponsored by Karori Baptist Church:

www.families@kbc.org.nz

Book your place now: <https://tinyurl.com/hottipsparentingcourse>

Drama Club

We are running a drama holiday programme in the upcoming school break – Monday 10 - Friday 14 July. The classes are held each morning from 9.00am (drop off from 8.30am) till 12.30pm. We have a different topic each day so students can pick and choose which days they would like to attend. Enrol on the Drama Club website - www.dramaclub.co.nz or contact Bridie on admin@dramaclub.co.nz

Babysitters Available for the Holidays

Hey! We are Sylvie and Nishan, two Year 10 students at Wellington Girls College and Wellington College (age 15 and 14). We are ex-Northland School students, and are looking for some babysitting work together. We're enthusiastic, friendly and happy to entertain your kids in the holidays! Plus you get two babysitters for the price of one! If you would like our help this holidays please contact us at spedensy@wgc.school.nz or nishan.r@icloud.com. Thanks! :)

Free Family Day at the City Art Gallery 8 July

Visit City Gallery for a day of free, fun art activities that the whole whānau can enjoy.

Participate in interactive storytelling and waiata performances with Timotimo in the Colin McCahon exhibition. Watch short animated films from Square Eyes Foundation. Create a brightly coloured abstract painting inspired by Petra Cortright's exhibition. Play with our giant magnet boards to design some quirky chairs. Make a badge. Draw, colour and write on the LOOK! activity cards at the Art Cart. Date: Saturday 8 July 2017 at 11am to 4pm Where: City Gallery Wellington, Civic Square

School Holiday Computer Classes

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and, if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Deliverers Wanted In Northland

Deliverers wanted (for immediate start) in your local area, to deliver community newspapers to letterboxes. Must be 10 years old or older. Want to earn some pocket money, or get paid to exercise?

Please contact: Michelle McGuire, Manager Genx Distribution. Ph: 970 0439 Email:

michelle@genxbuilders.co.nz

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures

July Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School. Dates: 10 – 21 July 2017 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session, weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week.

Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%).

Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided. One-on-One Care: Provide for cub(s) if needed for extra support. Shuttle services available.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz

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July Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club

We'll be swimming, ice-skating, go-karting and making chapatis – visiting historic Golder Cottage in Upper Hutt, watching old-time movies at Time Cinema, playing laser tag and mini-golf, and much more! In between, we're often playing at parks and beaches – come and join us on our adventures. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards: \$20) 8.30am to 6.00pm each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com)

Kelly Club July Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the July school holidays at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms in Wilton (10 – 21 July 2017). Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Guitar Lessons in Term 3

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons at the school library on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm, Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm. Individual and group lessons are available. This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar and It is a creative, fun and stimulating hobby. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: [027 267 1634](tel:0272671634)

Afterschool Care Providers

Kelly Club

After School Care is provided for the Northland School community at the Northland Memorial Hall. Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved service provider and our objective is to give children opportunities to do the things they enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We have a grassy outdoor area where the kids enjoy playing sports when the weather is nice. We offer full sessions (3.00-6.00pm) and also a half session option (3.00-4.30pm) and are happy to accept both permanent and casual bookings. Our prices are \$18 for a full session, \$11 for a half session and \$19 for a casual session. You can find out more information www.kellyclub.co.nz (Wellington area), email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or phone 022 010 9973.

Northland Kidz Club

After meeting the children at Northland School at 3pm, we're off to nearby parks or the school grounds for a good run-around (weather permitting). Then it's off to Kidz Club at St. Anne's Hall by the Northland Shops (corner of Northland and Randwick Roads) for more afternoon tea and relaxing fun. We're a not-for-profit community organisation (OSCAR approved and Child, Youth and Family accredited), aiming to provide family-style child care at a reasonable cost - \$16 for regulars (\$9 for the third child onwards), \$20 for casuals (\$11 for the third child onwards). We welcome children from all schools – come for a visit and see what we do. Contact Jan or Lisa (022-140-2612) or e-mail us on nkc.jan@gmail.com Check out our website: www.nkc.org.nz